

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. Applicant has amended Claim 9 and canceled Claim 10. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment. Thus, Claims 6-9 remain pending. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed October 14, 2008. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment places the application in condition for full allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 9 stands rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,118,314 ("Arnould"). Applicant has amended Claim 9 and respectfully submits that Claim 9 is now in condition for full allowance.

Claim Objections

Claim 10 stands currently objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in base form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowable subject matter. Applicant has incorporated the elements of Claim 10 into Claim 9 and cancelled Claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 9 is in condition for full allowance.

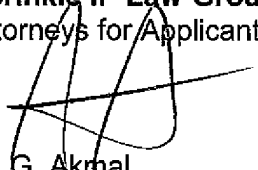
Conclusion

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include an acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 6-9. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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